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SUBJ: CISCO TWO: AP STORY: SAHLE SABBEH STATEMENT

1. ASSUME DEPARTMENT HAS SEEN TEXT OF AP STORY DATELINED
BEIRUT AUGUST 6 WHICH QUOTES PLF'S OSMAN SALEH SABBEH AS
STATING:

- (A) HE IS TRYING TO PERSUADE "ELF FACTION" HOLDING
"CISCO TWO" TO RELEASE THEM SO AS TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING US.
- (B) HE WOULD PROPOSE POLICY OF "NO MORE KIDNAPPINGS" IN UPCOMING
ELF/PLF TALKS.
- (C) US SHOULD NOT BE INTIMIDATED INTO GREATER ANIMOSITY
AGAINST ERITREAN REBELLION...BECAUSE USG IS CAUTIOUS IN ITS
DEALINGS WITH EPMG.

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2. STORY ALSO ASCRIBES TO "ERITREAN SOURCES" IN BEIRUT

ASSERTION THAT ELF REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL FACTION HAS MADE
A SECRET \$5 MILLION RANSOM DEMAND TO KAGNEW STATION FOR
RELEASE OF AMERICANS. FYI CONGEN ASMARA, CISCO PROJECT
MANAGER ROBERT BAKER AND OIC NAVCOMUNIT LT. CLARK HILL
ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SUCH DEMAND. END FYI.

3. SUGGEST DEPARTMENT CABLE FULL TEXT OF STORY TO ALL
CONCERNED POSTS.

4. RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT EMBASSY BEIRUT APPROPRIATELY
QUERY OSMAN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

5. ASMARA'S COMMENTS INVITED.
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